

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **RANDALL WILGER, LONG-TIME FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD MEMBER, HONORED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT**

DETROIT, MI, March 24, 2004 – Randall Wilger, a long-time volunteer member of the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB), was honored by the Michigan Supreme Court today in a ceremony hosted by Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan.

Corrigan, who presented Wilger with a Supreme Court resolution honoring his 12 years of service, praised Wilger for “his selfless and untiring advocacy on behalf of Michigan’s foster children.”

The FCRB is comprised of volunteer panels of private citizens, who review cases of children in foster care. The panels make findings and recommendations about permanent placements for foster care children.

“Through Randy’s leadership, the FCRB has become an integral part of the state’s child welfare system and an important voice advocating for children,” Corrigan said.

Wilger began serving on the FCRB in 1992. In 1998, FCRB members elected him chairman of the FCRB’s Advisory Committee.

“Randy has not only spent countless hours reviewing cases; he has made the FCRB more visible and effective as an organization,” said Corrigan. She said Wilger’s work included meeting with state legislators, community leaders and other volunteers.

In addition, he oversaw publication of the FCRB annual report. The annual report “plays an important role in the FCRB’s advocacy for children,” said Kathryn A. O’Grady, Director of Child Welfare for the State Court Administrative Office. “Under Randy’s leadership, the annual report became a resource for legislators and policymakers, as well as an effective way for FCRB to communicate with the public.”

Wilger, who is Director of Business and Finance for Wayne State University Law School, received his undergraduate degree in business administration from Wayne State University. He also holds a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Michigan. Wilger and his wife Christine reside in Livonia.

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